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1. In spite of the fact that there probably are no political implications in the arrest of Marc Bloch, president of l'aritime Suisse, Geneva, it is quite possible that, with the collapse of the Bloch financial empire, the Swiss Parti Ouvrier newspaper, Voix Ouvriere, which Bloch had been supporting financially, will not be able to continue publication beyond December 1948 or January 1949. The financial aid which had been provided previously will no longer be forthcoming, since Bloch is bankrupt. In addition, it is reported that the funds of Léon Nicole, head of the Fédération des Partis du Travail, have been lost through investments in some of Bloch's enterprise.
2. [REDACTED] the demise of Voix Ouvriere is now virtually a fait accompli. [REDACTED] it means a further demotion for Nicole while Jean Vincent's stature in the Parti Ouvrier will probably increase. While anti-Communist Swiss officials are certainly not unhappy over a probable disappearance of Voix Ouvriere, they feel that, since Vincent is a much tougher man than Nicole, any functions transferred from Nicole to Vincent will, without a doubt, be performed better from the Parti Ouvrier point of view.

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